OUR THANKS

Are tendered to our exe llent Senator, Hon. J. J. Evans, for the Agricultural Report of the Pa-Also, to Senator Butler, for the Mechanical vol-

umes and Maps and Charts accompanying the President's Message.

VISITORS.

On Tursday we were pleased to see and greet in Spartanburg Col. S. N. Dawkens, of Union; Hon. C. P. Sallivan, of Laurens; and C. J. Elford, Esq. of Greenville.

CLERK'S ELECTION.

The election for Clerk of the Court took place or Monday, resulting in the choice of the present inenmbent (J. B. Tolleson, Esq.) We hope to give the full returns in at least a portion of this week's edition, and shall reprint the table next week in our entire issue.

SPARTANBURG AND UNION RAILROAD.

The Directors of this road had a meeting a Union last week, at which a good deal of practical business was done. Bonds to the amount of over \$100,000 have been subscribed for, that they are in course of signature and will be ready for delivery in a week or so, that the necessary mortange for the security of the bondholders is executed, and only lacks the signature of the Trustees, and that the President of the Road leaves forthwith to make the necessary arrangements to procure iron to complete the road to Unionville. This is great news.

LEONARD SCOTT & CO'S PUBLICATIONS.

We call attention to the advertisement of Leon ard Scott & Co. Rlackwood's Magazine and the Foreign Quarterlies are almost indispensable to the stateman and general reader, and no library is complete without these repertories of European polities and civilization. The cheap rate at which the American reprints are furnished brings them within the reach of the most straitened purse, and should lead to a vastly increased circulation. \$10 will command the five works, which cost \$31 in England. Address L. Scott & Co., 54 Gold Street, New York.

OLD MAIDS.

Under this caption we refer to an original article on our first page, arguing the uselessness of the institution of old maidistr. Our gallantry will not permit us to recognise these strictures as deserved. - Acunwilling to censure personal defect or lacerate strictures. The French are more tenderly regard ful of those who elect single-blessedness. Go thou and do likewise.

A .. F .. M ..

At a late meeting of Sparten Lodge, A. F. M. the following gentlemen were chosen officers fo the ensuing year:

RAYMOND OWEN, W. M. Da. W. T. RUSSEL, S. W. WM. LOCKWOOD, J. W. CHARLES MOORE, Treasurer. J. W. WEBBER, Scoretary. Jos. M. Elford, S. D. JEPTHA TURNER, J. D. D. B. P. MOORMAN, Tyler.

CONGRESSIONAL NOMINATIONS. The communication from Col. James Farrow.

another column, requires a word of explanation. Long before the nomination of Mr. Vernon was handed in for publication we were aware of the intention of his triends to bring him forward for the post of Representative in Congress, on the retireof Mr. Farrow's triends to run him for the same position. Therefore with us there was no election or choice as between the two, and no malice prepense in the endo sement given to the one and withheld from the other. Our article, moreover, was not intended to dictate to the people, nor was Any transient matter, like a circular or handbil it designed to institute a comparison of claim, wheel closed in or with a periodical or newspaper sent to ther from antecedent or contemporary accidents a subscriber, or to any other person, subjects the whole package to letter postage; and whenever subof individual opinion-to carry whatever of moral influence and weight the expression of such opinion might naturally exert. We did intimate that Mr. Vernon was netive to the District, and well known from that fact; we did say that he was closely identified with the people, from his connection with a prominent District office; but these assertions were positive, and only meant to be understood and have influence in that sense.

In remarking upon these facts, we did say that these considerations indicated a ground for general preference so far as the people were concerned, and to have weight with them, or not, as their own judgments might dietate. For ourselves, however, another consideration was decisive-and that was the fact that he was our associate editor of the Startau, and had been identified with its inception and progress to the present time. This relationship we held to override the grounds of general preference, and appealed to us with irresistible force And if any thing could justify a violation of custom, as insisted upon by Col. Farrow, it was this. A similar instance has not, to our knowledge, occurred in this State. Admitting, therefore, that we have departed from precedent, this case is sui generis, and justifies our course.

We had no thought of inference prejudicial to Col. Farrow, or any body else. We utterly disclaim all such intention. It never entered our mind.

But our course is held to be unusual and uniust -thus we have charge and specification. That it is not unusual, is proved by the fact that the Greenville Patriot endorsed strongly the nomination (made by itself editorially) of Col. T. N. Dawkins, to go back no further.

That it is not unjust, is manifest from the fact that individuals have the admitted right to determine their own preferences, and by importunity to sway whatever votes they can affect. Editors are but individuals, and entitled to whatever influence they can exert. Their paper is private enterprise; but perhaps gives to their dicta greater notoriety and weight. But, like individuals, so long as they are careful to use their rights and privileges with of ordinary militia duty after certain years of sertender regard for those of others, we see no good vice: reason why they should restrain themselves from expression of preference for either men or measures.

As we indulge no personal asperities, we shall let the other portions of Mr. Farrow's article pass without comment, and submit the whole matter to the unbiased judgment of the people of the Dis-

The slave trade is one of the lucrative branches of commerce of New York. According to the commercial papers of that city, no less than from twenty-five to thirty slave ships have been fitted two convictions have taken place.

"CONGRESSIONAL NOMINATIONS."

To the Editors of the Carolina Spartan: GENTLEMEN: In your issue of the 8th inst. you have seen fit to enter into a discussion of the claims of Mr. Vernon and myself to public favor, in a way which appears to me unusual and unjust.

That such a course as you have seen fit to adopt on the opening of this question is unusual, is well known to all who are acquainted with the canvasse of either this District, or other Districts in the State at large. That your course is unjust, will be appa rent to all who call to mind the influence which a paper generally ex reises, as the presumed exponent of public opinion, notwithstanding the motives hat may govern its ed tor. I am aware that when gentlemen become Candidates, as you have assumed Mr. Vernon and myself to be, their political acts and erinciples are legitimately the subject of discussion and criticism. But I have never before known an instance in the State where the editor of a "District Paper" undertook to use the influence of his paper in an election, for or against any

particular candidate. Whether or not I will be a Candidate for the office of Representative in Congress, upon Col. Orr's retirement, it is not necessary I should say here. I cannot, however, do such violence to my feelings, as to affect an indifference to the nume rous solicitations I have had on this subject. In the event I am a candidate for the post mention ed, I will not be surprised to meet all the opposi tion that can be marshalled against me. Thank God, I have character enough to have some enenies. And whether they shall open their batteries upon me through the instrumentality of queries cunningly concocted, and purporting to come from "Many Voters," or through the channel of anony mous communications. I maintain as formerly that success or defeat rests with the people, to whose decision I am ever ready to bow. For the honors that I have received, on more occasions than one, at the hands of my fellow citizens of Spartanburg District, at the ballot box, I am indebted to the people themselves. I have learned by experience, that the character of our people teaches that success in winning their confidence and support does not depend on the management of wire-pullers. This lesson, while it nerves me for future contests, impresses me the more profoundly with gratitude to the people, and with the determination to wield for their good whatever of

Had you confined yourself to paying a tribute to Mr. Vernon, than whom I am free to confess you could not find a more worthy subject of eulogium, no exception would have been taken thereto. But when, not content with this, you bring in my name. and institute between him and myself an invidious comparison, atating what in your opinion should be 'a general preference and ground for support.' I cannot, with my very high admiration of M Vernon's talents and unsurpassed virtues, nor with cident of nature, birth, or circumstance, doom all even the familiar and intimate terms on which, for to a condition admitting no remely; and we are many years, it has been my pleasure to meet him in social life, allow your unjust and unwarrantable hearts buried in graves of loved ones by unjust article to pass without unmarking its injurious ten dency and effect, whether such was its design o JAS. FARROW.

power I may at any time receive at their hands.

SPARTANBURG, C. H., JAN. 12, 1857.

POSTAGE REGULATIONS.

The Postmuster General has issued the following nstructions to postmasters, under the law requiring pre-payment on all transient printed matter. As these regulations are quite different from those heretofore of force, it is proper that the public should take careful note of them:

"1. Books, not weighing over four pounds, may be sent in the mail, pre-paid by postage stamps, at one cent an ounce any distance in the United States under three thousand miles, and at two cents an ounce over three thousand miles, provided they are put up without a cover or wrapper, or in a cover or wrapper open at the ends or sides, so that their character may be determined without removing the

wrapper.

"2. Unscaled circulars, advertisements, bus ness cards, transient newspapers, and every other article of transient printed matter (except books) ment of Col. Orr; and our own course had been one cent postage each, to be pre-paid by postage with the pre-paid by postage stamps. Where more than one circular is printed on a sheet, or a circular and letter, each must be charged with a single rate. This applies to lottery and other kindred sheets assuming the form and name of newspapers; and the miscellaneous matter in such sheets must also be charged with one rate. in such sheets must also be charged with one rate. A business card on an unscaled envelope of a circular subjects the entire packet to letter postage. ject to letter postage, from being scaled, or from ception, must be pre-paid, or excluded from the mail. It is the duty of the postmaster at the mailing office of delivery, carefully to examine all print ed matter, in order to see that it is charged the proper rate of postage, and to detect fraud. At offices where postage stamps cannot be procured. postmasters are authorized to receive re-payment of poetage on transient matter; but they should be careful to keep a supply of stamps

JIM. LANE'S CHALLENGE.

The notorious Jim. Lane, after being driven rom Kansas and measurably outlawed, has the impudence to put forth a challenge to Col. Doniphar and Col. Boone, of Missouri, of the following tenor

"You to select one hundred actual slaveholders, born and raised in slave States, who have already been engaged in this conflict, Atchison & Co among the number; and I to select one hundred actual non slaveholding settlers of Kansas, myselneluded; we being the party invaded and having the right to select time, place, datance, and weap ons, who shall fight in the presence of twelve me bers of the House of Representatives of the United States, one half of whom shall be selected by each party, with the mutual agreement that the blood of parties thus selected shall settle this vexed question, and save Kansas from further outrage. As no letters are permitted to reach me in Kan ens, through Missouri, you will direct your answer

o Indianapolis, Indiana. Yours, J. H. LANE. FREMONT COURTY, IOWA, SEPT. 25, 1856. We hope these gentlemen will treat this braggart with the contempt he merits. His cold blood ed proposition bespeaks the character of the wretch and envelopes his name in infamy so loathsome, that deceney will shon all contact with him. We are sorry to learn from the Laurensville Herald that Gen. A. C. Jones has accepted this challenge. Such a contest cannot take place, we are fain to believe, in any part of our country; and if it were, and crowned with triumph, nothing would be decided by it but the sacrifice of the bodies and souls

of a few men. EXEMPTION FROM MILITIA DUTY.

The following is the act passed at the late session of the Legislature exempting from the performance

Sec. I. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, now met and sitting in General Assembly, and by the authority of the same. That all persons who shall serve as members of any of the volunteer companies of the State of South Carolina for the term of fourteen years consecutively, shall be thereafter exempt from the performance of

ordinary militin duty
SEC, II. That all Acts and parts of Acts repug nant to this Act be and the same are hereby re penled.

AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY .- The Board of this Society had a highly interesting meeting in New out there during the last three years, and though York, on New Year's day. A letter was received three of these ships have been seized, and forty-six from the Hon. John Belton O'Neall, of South Carmen held to answer under various statutes, only olina, accepting the Vice-Presidency, to which resentative from this (the Fifth) Congressional Dis-

The State Agricultural Society.

COLUMBIA, December 17, 1856. Columns, December 17, 1856.

The Executive Committee of the State Agricultural Society met to-day, at the Society's rooms, according to adjournment. Present—A. P. Calhoun, J. F. Marshall, J. U. Adams, E. G. Palmer, A. G. Summer and R. J. Gage; Dr. R. Harillee, absent from indisposition.

The Committee revised the premium list, made

many important amendments suggested by the ex-perience of the late fair, and ordered it to be printed and distributed as soon as possible.

The Committee examined the Secretary and

Treasurer's accounts, found vouchers for all ac-counts rendered, and made the necessary arrangements for the next year's operations, which the trust will end in more brilliant results than the las After the most careful deliberation upon the aim and objects of the State Agricultural Society, the Committee have been most reluctantly driven to the conclusion that it is their duty to suspend, "pra

The roll of paying subscribers to that journal

It requires no argument to prove from these fig-ures that the cost of printing the journal, and the salary of an editor, would force the Committee to trench upon funds of the Society which might b more advantageously devoted to other measure going directly and efficiently toward the develop ment of the agricultural resources of the who

country.

It requires no inconsiderable amount of money o conduct a State fair upon a proper scale—the premium list, the improvement and preservation of he grounds, the insurance and protection of the buildings, the erection of new fixtures and conveniences necessary for the comfort and accommodation of visitors, the pay of the various employees requi red, &c., all consume a deal of money and time. Hence the Committee think it their duty to direct the means placed in their hands by the liberality of the State and the members of the Society toward the success of the annual exhibitions rather than the supply of an agricultural literature.

A. G. Summer declining a re election, R. J. Gage was unanimously elected Secretary and T casurer, to succeed him as early in 1857 as the arrangements between them will admit. On all business connected with the interests of the Society, address R. J. Gage, Fair Forest, S. C.

A. G. Summer, Secretary and Trensurer.

The following gentlemen have been appointed by
the President of the South Carolina Agricultura Society, under a resolution of Major Scaborn's, at the late anniversary, to "solicit subscriptions for life

Greenville-Dr. A. B. Crook. Pickens - A. F. Lewis, Esq. Anderson - S. G. Earle, Esq. Laurens-Dr. J. W. Simpson Abbeville-Col. A. M. Smith. Union-Gen. S. R. Gist. Union—Gen. S. R. Gist.
York—John L. Miller, Esq.
Spartanburg—Simpson Bobo, Esq.
Chester—C. D. Melton, Esq.
Fairfield—Franklin Gaillard, Esq. Kershaw - Hon, James Chesnut, ir. Chesterfield-Dr. T. E. Powe. Marlboro-J. W. Harrington, Esq. Darlington-Samuel W. Evans, Esq. Darlington—Samuel W. Evans, Marion—W. S. Mullins, Esq. Horry—Robert Munro, jr., Esq. Georgetown-Dr. G. R. Sparkman Clarendon-J. P. Richardson, jr., Esq. Sumter-Col. J. Sinkler Moore Williamsburg-Rev. Jas. Wallace. St. John's Berkley-J Dubose Porcher, Esc. St. Stephens—Hon. W. Mazyck Porcher. Edisto Island—Hon. John Townsend. Charleston—Hon. Richard Yeadon. Beaufort-Hon R J Johnson Colleton-Maj. Chas. Warley. Barnwell-Col. A. P. Aldrich. Orangeburg-Hon. O. M. Dantzler. Lexington-Joseph Wingard, Esq. Newberry-Dr. W. H. Harrington

Edgefield-S. S. Tompkina, Esq. Under the resolution of Mr. Dantzler, "to ap point a Committee of Three from each district in used therein, together with specimens of every kind of plow, to be brought for exhibition to our next fair," the President makes the following appoint

Pickens-J. W. Crawford, W. R. Calhoun, J Anderson-W. H. D. Gaillard, Dr. O. R. Broyles, Maj. Geo. Seaborn. Greenville-Dr. Randall Croft, Dr. A. B Crook, Alex. McBee.

Spartanburg—Dr. J. Winsmith, Col. J. W. rook, Dr. James Vernon.

Union-Dr. Geo. Douglass, R. T. Gist, W. S.

Laurens-Dr. B. S. James, Dr. A. C. Fuller Newberry-Col. J. P. Kinard, Col. S. Fair, J

Lexington-J. C. Hope, Gerhard Muller, Gen. Orange-J. M. Dantzler, Jacob Stroman, D. F. Edgefield-Arthur Simkins, Richard Ward, Z

Barnwell-James Patterson, L. M. Ayer, John Colleton-Burwell Saunders, Logis O'Brian, J. B. Perry. Beaufort-Robert Chisolm, Geo. P. Elliot, Ed-

mund Rhett. Charleston-Jas. F. O'Hear, Peter Gourdin, W. M. Poreher. Georgetown-J. Izard Middleton, J. Harleston Reid, B. H. Wilson.

Horry-Joseph P. Skipper.

Marion-J. E. Gregg, Col. R. G. Howard, John

Darlington-Col. J. D. McIver, Edward Evans I. Hart. Williamsburg-Dr. Robert Gourdin, J. A. Keels, R. A. Keels. Sumter - Dr. J. M. Pitts, Col. M. J. Kennedy

Jno. B. Moore. Clarendon-Warren Nelson, Chas. Richardson , Col. Richard Richardson. Kershaw.-Gen. W. J. Taylor, John Rosser, T

Chesterfield-Allen McFarlan, J. E. B. Cash W. Blakeney.

Lancaster—Dixon Barnes, Geo. Witherspoon is, Cunningham.

Fairfield-J. D. Strother, J. N. Shedd, Dr. H.

Richland-H. D. Hamiter, F. Bulkley, Col. F. Chester - Samuel McAliley, Adam Walker, Jas

York-Col. A. B. Springe, Col. Wm. Wright Abbeville-Dr. J. P. Barrett, J. C. Norwood and A. C. Hawthern, Esq.

---REVOLUTIONARY RELIC.

A negro of A. R. Taylor, Esq., splitting rails bedded in the heart of a large pine tree a bail of ead weighing several pounds. It corresponds in te with the hole still left in Cayce's house, which in the Revolution was intrenched and formed Fort Granby, and no doubt was one of the three sho which was fired by the party under Lieutenant Conel Lee, which caused the surrender by Major Maxwell of his garrison. For this addition to our llection of Revolutionary relies we are indebted the kindness of Mr. Taylor. The following is Ramsay's account of the taking

"The day following fort Granby, near Friday's forry, about thirty miles to the westward of fort Motte, surrendered by capitulation. Very advantageous terms were given by the assailants in con equence of information that lord Rawdon was marching to its relief. This was a post of more consequence than the others, and might have been better defended; but the offer of security to the baggage of the garrison, in which was included an im nense quantity of plunder, hastened the surrender For some time before it had been greatly harasses by colonel Taylor's regiment of militia, and had albeen invested by general Sumpter. On the night of the fourteenth of May heutenant-colonel Lee erected a battery within six hundred yards of its out-works, on which he mounted a six pounder After the third discharge from this field piece, ma-

three hundred and fifty-two men, a great part of whom were royal militia." South Carolinian

ANOTHER CANDIDATE .- The Anderson True Carolinian nominates Gen. Daniel Wallace for Reptrict, should Col. Orr decline

THE NEW CABINET.

The Washington correspondent of the Charles on Standard speculates as follows, during the holidays, upon the materials likely to compose the Cabi. net of Buchanan. Without believing that all here in mentioned will be chosen, we yet think it more than probable that some of the gentlemen are wise ly indicated:

"During the holidays many of our politicians visited the President elect, at Wheatland, where they found a great crowd of strangers coming and going-Mr. Buchanan holding a constant levee The company is received into a large parlor of reception room, and there remain until each in turn is ushered into the presence of the great Pennsylvanian, who presides in his private office, where the affairs of State and the prospects of the next ad-ministration are canvassed. To very few, however, does Mr. Buchanan confide the secrets of his pol ey, but enough was elicited to enable me to give you the names of the new Cabinet, as at present deter mined on by Mr. Buchanan. This determination may or may not be changed, but I can say positive ly that the names submitted are the ones at present n the eye of the President elect, viz:

Lewis Case, Secretary of State.

Lewis Case, Secretary of the Treasury.

J. B. Floyd, Secretary of War.

NATHAN CLIFFORD, Secretary of the Navy. JESSE D. BRIGHT, Secretary of the Interior. J. GLANCY JONES, Postmaster General. P. BENJAMIN, Attorney General.

It is well known that Mr. Clifford was the taunch friend of Mr. Buchanan throughout the contest, and was also the partner of Mr. Appletor Mr. Buchanan's confidential friend and secretary hence his prospects for a position in the new Cabi-net. Mr. Benjamin is urged by Mr. Slidell, and his appointment is regarded as an opportune re-ward fo: services rendered by the old line Whigs of which Mr. Benjamin has been a prominent mem ber. Mr. Cobb represents the Union Democracy while Mr. Floyd, of Virginia, stands for the State Rights school. The Cabinet, as given above, is only known among the leading Democrats, and I find gives much dissatisfaction to the State Rights Should Mr. Bright be re-elected to the S. Senate, then his place in the Cabinet will be filled by another; and should Mr. Thompson, of New Jersey, not be re-elected, then Mr. Jones may have to give way and take a foreign mission,'

INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS IN TH UNITED STATES.—We are indebted to Joseph B. Escaville, Esq., Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, for the following statistics, compiled by him from the proceedings of the Gran-Lodge of the United States, at the session held in this city in September last. Some of the Grand Lodges failed to report, and others only in part. Had the reports been full the number of Odd Fellows under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge would have been found to exceed two hund

ending June 30, 1855. Number of deaths during the year ending June 30, 1856..... Numbers of Brothers relieved during the year, ending June, 1856...... Amount paid for relief of Brothers du ring the year, ending June 30, 1856 335,834.23 Number of widowed families reliev

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Patriarchs received du ring the year Paid for relief of same \$30,693.39 Widowed families relieved . . .

Paid for relief of same..... 6,038.75 Paid for burying dead.... 5,061.00 Total amount of relief ... \$37,886.1

Total am't ann'l. ree'pts 102,868.14

the present time, and antil the end of January, all of the old planets and the two of importance dis-covered within 75 and 10 years, will be visible so a after sunset, and five of them west of the meridian; a position worthy of particular notice, as it may no again occur for years.

Sun, is usually invisible, so that many persons have never seen it. There will be a very favorable oportunity for viewing it in this month, especi be at its greatest eastern elongation on the 15th, be

disappears. Venus, although already very brilliant, will con tinue to become more so until about April 1st. Its greatest eastern elongation takes place on February 7th, and inferior conjunction on May 9th. So that four months our evening western sky is to be ornamented by this beautiful planet.

Mars will be in conjunction early in June; it is therefore, in that part of its orbit most remote from the earth, and shines with a faint reddish light. is now a very little west of Venus, in the W. S. W. but the distance is rapidly increasing.

Jupiter, "the great disturber of the system," goes own exactly in the West, although also approachng its conjunction, (April 11th.) and therefore the nore distant part of its orbit, its light is not appaparently less than when in apposition in September -Boston Traceller.

THE PENNINGTON CASE -- Negro Demohacks North and South .- The Rev. Mc. Pennington, a respectable colored elergyman of this city, recent ight a sot for damages against the Sixth Ave nue Railroad Company, in consequence of having been ejected from one of the company's cars, in which "colored persons" are not "allowed to rid-The reverend plaintiff rested his cause upon the right of a citizen in the premises, without regard color; but our Superior Court non-suite ! bim, an gave a decision in favor of the right of the deants to discriminate between "white folks" and "colored people." The plaintiff has moved to car ry up his case to the Court of Appeals; but we pre some that this decision will be there sustained, for it unquestionally harmonizes with the law of put he opinion in these latitudes in reference to rain in the same conveyance and on a feeting of equal-Upon this point out people are remarkably squeamish, while we kn tall over the South it is quite a common th to see master or mistress and slave, white and blacks, occupying the same seat in the same stage or ear, without any symptoms of a turned up a fact is, our Northern negger philanthropy is an mense humbug-something like Barnum's mermaid, when we come to dissect it, with the head of a baboon and the tail of a codfist New York Herald

COMMERCE OF THE UNITED STATES -The New aned from the Treasury Department. In a com-arative view with the exports of 1855 it appears hat there has been a slight falling off in the exper of the sea, owing to the great decrease in the shi ments of sperm oil, although most of the other items under this heading show an increase. There is a falling off also in the experts of the produce of t forest, extending nearly through the entire list, and 000. In the products of agriculture the shipments | ed from confinement. but in vegetable food the gain from last year is en-Maxwell capitulated. His force consisted of nearly twenty-six millions of dollars, or over 100 p. The total exports of the products of agricul ture for the last year, including a very large gain in cotton, was \$218,290,649, against \$145,423,789 for the preceding year. The remaining items pre-sent many interesting comparisons, but no importis in the article of cotton, the value of the exports of 1855 being \$88,143,844, and for 1856 being \$128.

DIVIDENDS

The following dividends have been declared by the different Banks, Insurance Companies, and Roads, in South Carolina:

"The Bank of Charleston has declared a divi-dend of four per cent, for the past six mouths. The State Bank fifty cents per share. The Union Bank one dollar and fifty cents per

The Bank of South Carolina one dollar and fifty

ents per share. The People's Bank one dollar per share. The Bank of Georgetown one dollar and twenty

five cents per share.

The Exchange Bank of Columbia, one dollar per

The Commercial Bank of Collumbia one dollar

per share.

The South Carolina Insurance Company one dol ar and fifty cents per share, together with an extra lividend of one dollar and fifty cents per share. The Graniteville Manufacturing Company twen-

ty-five dollars per share.

The Charlotte Railroad Company a semi-annua dividend of three dollars per share.

THE DALLAS TREATY. -"Ivanhoe," the Wash ington correspondent of the Charleston Standard, is led to believe that the Dallas Clarendon treats will not be approved by the Senate. He says:

"The new treaty with England which is no pending before the Senate, and which has found its way into the public prints, is universally condemned by politicians of all parties here, and will never confirmed by the Senate. If not disposed of be fore the 4th of March next, it will be withdrawn by Mr. Buchanan, as General Caes is among its bitterest opponents. It beats the Clayton-Bulwer trenty in yielding to England the guardianship of the Central American States - and the country familiar with the condemnation heaped upon the treaty by the demorratic party, because it created a partnership between England and the United

EXPEDITION AGAINST CHINA.-We find the following paragraph in the Paris letter to the Commercial Advertiser, received by the last mail:

"But another expedition is spoken of, which will interest particularly the United States, and that is an expedition on the part of England and France against China. It is rumored that a very large and formidable fleet is to leave in the Spring or the China ports, to give assistance to missio ries who have been maltreated in that country, and at the same time attempt the negotiation of of France are in great joy at this anticipated pro-ject, and a large number of missionaries are preparing to accompany the expedition. I cannot, ever, guaranty the truth of this report."

THE WINE CROP OF ITALY .- The Genoese correspondent of the Newark Advertiser states that the grape harvest the present year has proved much better than for five previous years. The vine, which has almost entirely failed since 1850, has yielded near half an ordinary crop, and the silk and olive harvests are also much more abundant. large proprietor, who used to produce 40 and 50, 000 barrels of wine annually before the appearance of the malady, which is now disappearing, an whose whole produce last year did not exceed dozen barrels, tells me that his vineyards have this season yielded several thousands. Lombardy and Venice, which produced last year only 342,500 hectolitres, (a hectolitre is 264 gallons,) is estimated to have yielded this season over four millions of that measure. This is encouraging, for the vine is to Italy what corn is to you. The vine is to the poor, who have little to eat and nothing to drink the staff

PREACHING POLITICS .- It is related of Dr. Mather Byles, the famous Tory minister in Boston during the Revolution, that on being asked why he did not preach politics he replied: "I have thrown up four breastworks, behind which I have entrench ed myself, neither of which can be forced. In the first place, I do not understand politics; in the se cond place, you all do—every man and mother's so of you; in the third place, you have politics all the week—pray let one day out of seven be devoted to religion; and, in the fourth place, I am engag d in a work of infinitely greater importance. Give me any subject to preach thou of more consequence than the truths I bring to you, and I will preach it

METHODIST DISCIPLINE. - Surely we have cor the pastor, Rev. Mr. Brown, took the responsibility of suspending the sentence during the good behaver of Mr. Brown. The offending brother confessed to the shouting, but maintained that, under fessed to the shouting, but maintained that, under the excitement of worshop, he could not restrain his feelings. Mr. Brank is represented as an excellent and exemplary Methodist, and he makes appeal from the decision of the church to the Tray Confrom the decision of the church to the Tray Con-ference. It is believed that the Methodist standards

RELIGION AMONG THE CHINESE REBELS. -Mr. the Sun, so that on the 11th it will not set in the Sun, so that on the 11th it will not set in the Martin, one of the missionaries in China, writes W. S. W. until an hour and a half later. It will home that it is not true, as has been represented, that the insurgents are of late laying aside their pression of christianity. He says that this profess is inwaven with the constitution of their party and power; that they cannot do it without a dissolution ty without dropping the pretensions by which they rule; and that there is not another military body on earth that is so fully pervaded with religious enthu siasm. Idolatry is put down and denounced by them, the Sabbath is observed, and public wership sustained.

DEATH OF JOHN B. LABORDE, Esq. - Welearn received yesterday the painful intelligence from Kansas of the death of his eldest son. Mr. La Borde, it is well known, was one of the band of gal-lant young men who left Marion District last spring, to serve the cause of the South in the strucnobly, and fallen in his patriotic effort to procure for his section equal rights under the Constitution The sympathy of the community is with his family n their distressing bereavement .- Carolinian.

CHINESE SUGAR CANE IN GEORGIA .- The pros ecets of extensive modification in the sugar culture of this country, through the introduction of the Chinese cane, grow more probable daily De Lyon has sent a specimen raised by hinself at Harrack, near Savannah, Georgia, to the editor of the Savannah Georgian, accompanied by an ex-

RETURNED TO SLAVERY .- The Hartford (Conn. Times gives an account of Caroline Banks and her children Mary and Francis, slaves lately berated field, Va.,) who have voluntarily returned to bond-slature. The vote stood 333 ag-age, after trying to support themselves in Boston as The Senate ballots next Monday. free people. They declared that they had toiled constantly and could scarcely gain a subsistence, and wanted a master to prote

The House Committee on Post Offices are pre paring a bill appropriating seven millions of dollars for ocean mail and other service, and which provides that each route shall be advertised and finally Springs, Thursday, or Christmas day, of consumpvides that each route shall be advertised and finally given to the lowest responsible bidder, throwing the whole thing open to competition. This movement has caused great consternation among those who York Journal of Commerce publishes tables of the foreign commerce of the United States for the fisroutes to be established.

> Tor Allegen INBUREECTIONS .- The committee appointed at Nashville, Tennessee, to examine into the grounds for the rumors of the slave insurrection in that vicinity, report that after a careful inquiry they find no evidence of any insurrectionary tendencies or purposes by the slaves, and recommend that such as have been arrested be discharg-A rather magnificently proportioned illustration

on, his books showed over \$200,000 due from living 'patrons.' The amount of total loss was not given, but was estimated at \$300,000 or more.

upwards of half a million of dollars annually.

of the credit system can be found in the condition.

of the Richmond Enquirer; when, after fifty years

of publication, its proprietor removed to Washing-

Washington, Jan. 2.—In the Benate, Mr. Beward introduced a bill authorizing the Secretary of State, under the direction of the President, to contract with the New York, Newfoundiand and London Telegraph Company, for the use of their submarine communication for fifty years by the Government of the United States on the same terms and conditions as the British Government; also, to aid the Company in laying their sub-marine cable. Referred to the Committee on Post Office Affairs. The Senate passed a House bill for the payment of invalid and other pensions. The Iowa election case was considered, but no action taken. A resolution was adopted, asking the President for infortance of the president for the pr

lution was adopted, asking the President for infor-mation in regard to the ejection of Americans from the island of Aves by the Venezuelan Government, while gathering guano for shipment. Then ad-journed until Monday.

In the House, the private calander was taken up

and twenty-one bills passed. As the House was about to adjourn, Mr. Kelsey, of New York, s.il the Washington correspondent of the New York Times had made a charge of bribery and corruption on members of the House and others, which demanded an investigation. He submitted a resolution to appoint a committee of five, with power to send for persons and papers. The Hon. Robt. T Paine, of N. C., said he had knowledge of such as attempt having been made by one member to others, in relation to the Minnesota Land Bill. Great confusion ensued, and loud calls were made for the name of the offender, but Mr. Paine refused to give it. The resolution was finally passed, and

THE RESOLUTE.-The following is an extract from a letter from an American gentleman in Lon-don, dated December 19th, which informs us that Capt. Hartstein and his officers and men will return to the United States in the English war steamer 'Retribution:"

The Queen treated Hartstein with marked at tention at dinner, and in the drawing-room. After wards, she came up to him and said she wished to talk with him, and remained in familiar conversa-tion for an hour. On leaving the Isle of Wight there was a great display of enthusiasm as the ship passed out of the harbor, the shores were lined, and the air rang with cheers. We were escorted by a steam yacht which is always in attendance on the ship-and the fine steam frigate Retribution, which was a'so acting as an escort, and we were towed by a Government steamer. An Admiralty messenge is also continually in attendance on the officers.

On arrival at Spithead the ships saluted, and on antering Portsmouth harbor the transports were lined with people, cheering and waving handker chiefs, the military bands playing national airs, and the battery saluting. The Old Victory manned her rigging and cheered. There never was such ensm and exhibition of heartfelt feeling-it is the thusiasm and exhibition of heartfelt feeling-it is the event of the day, and is in every one's mouth. The Government have insisted that the officers shall re-turn in the steam frigate Retribution, and they will probably leave on the day after Christmas Tuesday Capt. Hartstein is invited to Lord Pal

merston's country seat.

The Admiralty have come to the almost positive determination to send out another Arctic expedi-tion in search of Sir John Franchin or some of his party .- New York Journal of Commerce .

HISTORICAL AGENCY .- The Legislature of North Carolina, at its last session, appointed the Hon. D. S. Swain agent, to procure documentary evidence in relation to the history of North Carolina Tha gentleman has made a report of his correspondence on the subject, which is very interesting. In addition to the sources of information in our own country, he states that there are in the office of the Board of Trade, and in the State paper office in England, many documents and records of great

the first volume of their transactions.

The Joint Committee of the North Carolina egislature recommend a continuance of the agency. It is gratifying to see the subject of the early history of our State attracting such attention, and we hope that Gov. Swain's labors in this direction will be supported and continued.

South Carolinian. UNITED STATES SENATOR .- WASHINGTON Jan-9.-The Legislature of Rhode Island have elected

James F. Simmons United States Senator.
Soldiers of the War of 1812 - Washing offence in a Methodist church. At Alkany, New York, after fifteen evenings of trial and debate, "Brother Beank" was found guilty of shouting so

> IMPORTANT TO LANDHOLDERS -It may benefit some of our readers to know that this will probably be the last year in which grants for land will be given in South Carolina. A bill passed both branch es of the Legislature to this effect, but for want of time it was not ratified. It will be passed through at the next session. Those not having grants for their land, or wishing to occupy vacant lands, are advised to attend to the matter immediately. law a grant will claim preference over all other claims .- Kingstree Star

MASSACHUSETTS LEGISLATURE. -- BOSTON Jan 7 The Legislature of this State organized at noor o day. Charles Phelps, of Boston, was elected caker of the House by a unanimous vote, and Charles W. Upham president, and Peter L. Cox clerk, by an almost unanimous vote. The Gover nor's message will be received to-morrow.

MATRIMONY MADE EASY .- A bill has been in luced into the North Carolina Legislature, entitled "An act to encourage and promote matrimony." This bill authorizes the Judges of the Sueme and Superior Courts, and all licensed prac ing attorneys at law, to solemnize the rights of matrimony, under the same rules as justices of the peace and ministers of the Gospel.

MAINE LEGISLATURE .- AUGUSTA, Jan. 7 .- The Legislature of this State met to-day. The Senate elected J. H. Wilkins, President; and Jos. B. Hall cretary. The House elected Charles A. Spofford, peaker, and Geo, W. Wilcox, clerk. A cation was read from Mr. Hamlin, resigning his position as U. S. Senator. ILLINOIS AFFAIRS .- CHICAGO, Jan. S .- The Governor's message is purely local in its character. The

State debt is \$12,834,000; and the Gevernor thinks pression of his determination to go largely into the business the ensuing year, it will be extinguished in seven years, and that the revenue from the Central Railroad will soon pay the expenses of the Government. CHARLES SUMNER RE-ELECTED.—BOSTON, JR. -Charles Sumner has been re-elected to the U.

S. Senate for six years, by the Massachusetts Leg islature. The vote stood 333 against 12 scattering. ---The Mayor of Newport, Ky., opposite Cincin nation received a magnificent Christmas present of

three fat bouncing babies from his wife on Christmas eve

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION IN THE LUTHERAN CHURCH .- At the last Protestant Conference of Dresden-in which the Protestant communions of Saxony, Bavaria, Wurtemburg, and many other German States were represented—the necessity of re-establishing private confession and absolution was agreed upon. The decisions of the Conference are contained in twentythree articles, among which are the following: "To insure succes in re-establishing the use of regular confession and absolution a commencement must be made by the introduction of private absolution and the restoration of the practice of refusing absolution." A stated form of confession and absolution has been agreed upon-the latter being pronounced as follows: "Almighty God have mercy upon you; and by the au-thority of our Lord Jesus Christ I absolve you from all your sins, in the name of the The Police Department of Philadelphia now costs | Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen."

TO WITHIE.

"I do not wish to see suppody now. It is agreed ble to be slone sometimes." — Expact from Letter.

A tone of sadness breather, Winnie,
About that written line,
Which should not find a dwelling place
In that sweet heart of thine. The shadow must have fallen 'pon Some cherished hope, and bright,

And reiled the sunny future, cox, In unexpected night. A warm young heart like yours, Winnne, A spirit sweet as thing, Was made around some chosen thing

Its loving arms to twine. God never gave those sweet blue eyes To lighten solitude,

To heaven a multitude.

God crowned thy precious head, Winnie, With each luxuriant curl, And dyed those ruby lips, cox,

My gentle-hearted girl,-That you might more among us here, And, like an angel guest, Shed rays of beauteous sunlight 'pon Full many a care worn breast.

Would I were with thee now, Winnie, To cheer thy saddened heart, And to thy gloomy spirit, coz, Some rainbow hope impart! I'd take thy little hand in mine. And wander 'mong God's flowers,

And sing thee merry songs and gay, Throughout the livelong hours. I'd make those eyes grow bright, Winnie, Thy face with smiles I'd wreathe,-Until, 'neath Heaven's sunny blue, No happier thing would breathe.

The light would break upon thy heart, The shadow all be gone, And never would you wish again

That you were all alone. COMMERCIAL.

COLUMBIA COTTON MARKET, January 10, 1857. The news by the America, which came to hand yesterday morning, had a very favorable effect on our cotton market, and in the course of the day an advance of and in some instances i was establish-

advance of \$\frac{1}{2}\$ and in some instances \$\frac{1}{2}\$ was established; the ruling rates were \$11\frac{1}{4}\$ a \$12\frac{1}{2}\$ extremes, most sales at \$11\frac{1}{4}\$ a \$12\frac{1}{2}\$ e.

CHARLESTON MARKET, Jan. 8, 1857.—The receipts of cotton the past week were \$14,466\$ bales. Sales in same time \$9,421\$ bales, at extremes of \$11\frac{1}{4}\$ a \$12\frac{1}{4}\$ cents. An advance of \$\frac{1}{4}\$ is established on last week's prices. Rice \$3\frac{1}{4}\$ a \$4\frac{1}{4}\$. Corn 73 a \$60\$ Oats 50. Flour \$a \$8\frac{1}{4}\$. Sugars unchanged. Coffee—from ship—Rio, \$10\frac{1}{4}\$ a \$10\frac{1}{4}\$. Molarses—Cuba clayed, \$40\$ cents—at retail \$43a\$ \$44\$. Salt 70 a \$75\$. Bacon—hams \$12\frac{1}{4}\$ a \$\frac{1}{4}\$ sides \$10\$ a \$10\$. 70 a 75. Bacon—hams 124 a 15; sides 10 a 104, boned and clear; shoulders 74 a 8. Lard 13 a 14.

MARRIED.

In Charleston, on the 25th ult., by the Rev. Dr. BACHMAN, Captain ASBURY COWARD, of the value in connection with the history of North Caro-lina, and that, through Mr. Dallas, permission has been courteously granted to any agent the State

may appoint to take copies of all or any portion that may be desired.

The Historical Society of South Carolina has obtained abstracts of many of the papers labeled "Carolina papers," and we believe intend to publish them in the first volume of their least of the papers. On Tuesday, the 23d December last, by WILLIAM

On Tuesday, the 23d December last, by WILLIAM WALKER, (A. S. H.,) Mr ELIAS WALL, Esq., of Spartanburg District, S. C., to Mrs. MIRA Mc-KINEY, of Rutherford county, N. C. On Sanday morning, the 28th of December last, by E. Wall, Esq., Mr. JASON BLACKWELL to Miss NANCY ANN CHAMPAIN.

On Sunday evening, the 28th of December last, y E. Wall, Esq., Mr. WILLIAM G. WHITE Miss ELIZABETH WYATT. On Wednesday, the 7th day of January, 1857, the Rev. HILLARD HAVNES, Mr. THOMAS J. GILBERT to Miss CAROLINE, daughter of WOODSON BURNETT, all of this district.
On the 6th inst., at Cashville, Miss MARGARET MAHAFFE, to Mr JOHN BURNS, both

of Spartanburg District.
On the 11th, viss C. DAVIS to Mr. WIL-LIAM MAYFIELD, also of Spartanburg.

OBITUARY.

Esq., all of Columbia.

Died, at the residence of A. F. Golding, in Pontotoe co., Miss., on the 15th Sept. 1836, of typhoid fever, M. G. OVERBY, of Laurens Di the 38th year of his age, while on a visit to his relatives.

WHAT, OR WHICH IS THE BEST, VERMIFUGE OR WORM DESTROYER: Is a question daily and hourly asked by parents, anxious for the health of their children. All who are at all acquainted with the article, will im-

mediately answer, DR: M'LANES CELEBRATED VERMI-FUGE, PREPARED BY FLEMING

BROS., PITTSBURG, PA. It has never been known to fail, and is one of the safest remedies that can be used. A friend of ours lately handed us the following statement in refer-

ence to the Vermifuge: NEW YORK, Sept. 25, 1852. Gentlemen-A young lady of my acquaintance had been for a long time very much troubled with worms. I advised her to try Dr. M'Lane's Celebrated Vermifuge, prepared by Fleming Bros., of Pittsburg, Pa. She accordingly purchased and took one vial, which caused her to discharge an unusual large quantity of worms. She was immediately relieved of all the dreadful symptoms accompanying this disease, and rapidly recovered her usual health The young lady does not wish her name mentioned; her residence, however, is 320 Fifth street, and she refers to Mrs. Hardie, No. 3 Manhattan place-Purchasers will be pleased to ask for DR MILANE'S CELEBRATED VERMIFUGE manufactured by FLEMING BROS., of PITTE BURGH, PA. All other Vermifuges in comparison are worthless. Dr. M'Lane's genuine Vermifuge also his celebrated Liver Pills, can now be had at all respectable drug stores. None genuine without the signature of FLEMING BROS.

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BOTTS, OF VIRGINIA RICHMOND, July 9, 1855.

Messrs. Wm. S. Berrs & Co.—Gentlemens.

Considerations of duty to the afflicted above prompt me to send you this voluntary testimonial to the great value of CARTER'S SPANISH MIX-TURE, for that almost incurable disease, Scrofula.
Without being disposed, or deeming it necessary, to go into the particulars of the case, I can say that the astonishing results that have been produced by that medicine, on a member of my own family, and under my own observation and superintendence after the skill of the best physicians had been exhansted, and all the usual remedies had failed, fully instify me in recommending its use to all who may suffering from that dreadful malady.

tutions, or that it will afford the same relief in all eases; for, of course, I can know nothing about that but from what I have seen of the effects, I would not hesitate to use it in any and every case of Scrofu-la, with persons for whom I felt an interest, or over whom I could exercise influence or e

I do not mean to say that it is adapted to all con

Respectfully yours, JNO. M. BOTTS.

L. A. GREEN. DAGUERREOTYPIST AND AMBROTYPIST.

WOULD respectfully inform those so patiently waiting his return, in order to secure good PICTURES, that he will be at his rooms on January 21, 1857. Jan, 15 47 U.